

Development Commission for the city of Enfield and has previously served on as Chairperson for Enfield's 10 Year Plan of Conservation and Economic Development. She has worked with the Connecticut Department of Labor and the Connecticut Director of Economic Development, to work with incoming European businesses to identify needed workforce skills and provide appropriate preparation and training to potential employees.

During her long career, Dr. McLeod has empowered students across Connecticut and the nation through her many contributions to education and economic development. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the career of Dr. Martha McLeod.

THE BENEFITS OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM CELEBRATING NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, from California's Central Coast to Alabama's Gulf Coast and every single Congressional district in between, travel and tourism plays an important economic role in all of our local communities. This week is National Travel and Tourism Week, a celebration of the \$2 trillion economic engine that helps drive our nation's economy. As the co-chairs of the bipartisan Congressional Travel and Tourism caucus, we would like to take this moment to raise awareness for America's number one export and to explain how the "Travel Effect" benefits everyone.

The Travel Effect is simple: It is the economic benefit that every single community feels thanks to travel. Supporting over 14.6 million American jobs, the travel industry is a top 10 employer in 48 states and the District of Columbia. Today, one in every eight jobs depends upon travel.

Contributing more than \$129 billion to the federal, state and local tax base, the Travel Effect means that Americans pay fewer taxes. Without those added revenues, the average household would pay over \$1,000 in additional taxes. At 2.8% of our nation's GDP and growing at a rate faster than all other industries, travel will play an important role in driving down deficits for years to come.

Thanks to our efforts here in Washington, the United States is now promoting the entire country as a premier travel destination to the world. Brand USA, the nation's Destination Marketing Organization created by Congress, will help bring in 81 million visitors to the United States by 2016, a 36 percent increase equivalent to 21 million more travelers as compared with 2010. This influx of new visitors will help create over a half a million new jobs in communities all across the country.

And you do not have to live in a coastal district or near a major tourist destination to feel the Travel Effect. Historic sites, museums in your community and other local destinations all play a role in building our travel economy. In other words, travel is right in your own backyard!

During this year's National Travel and Tourism Week, we call on all members to support

the travel industry. While the Travel Effect is great now, its potential is even greater. If we recognize that potential in all of our communities, then the Travel Effect will continue to benefit every town across the United States.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SANDRA KELLER HAAS

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sandra Keller Haas, who has been a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for 27 years, giving back to her community and to our veterans across the world.

As a member of the Kushkushkee Trail Chapter of the Pennsylvania State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (PSSDAR), she has served as a chapter officer and as the Chairman of the Daughters of the American Revolution Service to Veterans Committee. This committee has a long and proud history of serving our country's veterans and making sure they are never forgotten.

Mrs. Haas is a precious constant in so many veterans' lives as she volunteers her time at the Pittsburgh Veterans Hospital. She organizes toiletry and clothing drives, delivering goods and spending hours with the veterans, thanking them for their service to America.

Mrs. Haas also supports the troops currently serving in our military, including her work spearheading a coupon-clipping initiative for an Army base in Okinawa, Japan. Under Mrs. Haas' leadership, the ladies of the Kushkushkee Trail Chapter clip coupons and send them to the base where they are placed in the commissary and can be used past their expiration date. She has collected and sent almost 150 pounds of coupons for our troops and their families to use. What one might see as a small gesture of clipping coupons, it tells our troops and families immensely that they are not forgotten back home.

Mrs. Haas is a Pennsylvania native, born in Eastern, PA. She has been married for 54 years to Jim Haas, a retired U.S. Army officer, and is the mother of two and grandmother of four. She worked as a Home Economics teacher and dietician for years, working with students around every community to where her family was deployed. Outside of her work with veterans and troops, she has volunteered at the local food bank and loves spending time with her family.

I applaud Mrs. Haas for her extraordinary dedication to our troops and to our veterans. Her work with the Kushkushkee Trail Chapter of the PSSDAR demonstrates an outstanding dedication and love of country. I thank her for her extraordinary contributions to the community and thank her for the positive impact she has had on one of our most treasured national assets, our veterans.

A TRIBUTE TO BURBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Burbank Fire Department upon its 100th Anniversary. For a century, the Burbank Fire Department has been an integral part of the community, keeping the residents of Burbank safe and well informed about fire prevention.

The Burbank Fire Department started as a small group of volunteers defending the population of 500 from the devastating effects of fire in the community. After multiple fires caused damage to the area, the Burbank Board of Trustees established the Burbank Fire Department in 1913.

Over the years, the Burbank Fire Department has expanded their services to fit the various needs of the community. In 1974 the department started a paramedic program and has been an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider ever since. Burbank Fire Paramedics established field treatment protocols in 1993 and these protocols are now used across Los Angeles County as the EMS standard for clinically effective and safe field care. The department's EMS program has been recognized as one of the best in the State of California.

As a part of the Verdugo Fire Communications Center, established in 1979 by the cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena, the Burbank Fire Department makes optimum use of fire services available in the area and increases the effectiveness of the cities' fire defense system. The Verdugo Fire Communications Center is still owned by the three original cities, but it also provides services as needed to the Bob Hope Airport, Alhambra, Arcadia, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, and South Pasadena.

Today, the Burbank Fire Department is a full service fire agency with six fire stations, a training center, and seven divisions: Fire Prevention Bureau, Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, Fire Apparatus & Equipment, Training & Safety, and Administration. The department responds to 9200 incidents a year and serves approximately 108,000 people over a 17.14 square mile area. I am honored to recognize the men and women of the Burbank Fire Department for their commitment to keeping our community safe and ask all Members to join me in congratulating the Burbank Fire Department upon its 100th Anniversary.

HONORING OUR NATION'S NURSES FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS IN DELIVERING QUALITY CARE

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to highlight the crucial work of nurses in America.

Few individuals touch the lives of others in the manner in which nurses commit to aiding